



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-533

Date: 30th March 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21st February 2021 (received into our office 22nd February) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding weighing devices.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Please can I request the following information for your Trust under the Freedom of Information Act please? Where information is unavailable or too difficult to obtain for one question please could you provide information for any other questions where the information is available:

The value of total spend on weighing devices excluding servicing in the last 3 years split by year

A1 See below:

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| total for 3 years | range of | £60,000 - £70,000 |
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| 20-21 | range | £45,000 - £55,000 |
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| 19-20 | range of | £1,000 - £10,000 |
| 18-19 | range of | £1,000 - £10,000 |

Q2 The value of spend by weighing device supplier in the last 3 years split by year.

A2 As per the above spend divided by the last 3 years. This estimate of spend consists of spend between the Trust Standard Brands of Seca and Marsden, including spend through re-sellers of these brands.

Q3 Do you have any weighing devices integrated directly or indirectly to an electronic patient records system (EPR)?

A3 No

Q4 Which electronic patient records system do you use/plan to use?

A4 iPortal, which is a UHNM internal system, where height and weight for outpatients is manually recorded. System C Careflow Vitals has an option to record height and weight for out inpatients, but this is not mandatory.

Q5 If you haven't done so already, do you intend to integrate weighing scales to an EPR in the next 12-24 months?

A5 This is not currently a request on our roadmap in the next 12 months

Q6 Do you use Welch Allen Vital signs monitors in the Trust, if so, how many and are any of these connected to weighing devices?

A6 111 devices, none are connected

Q7 How many incidents have you reported in the last 3 years which relate to an incorrect dose of vancomycin, gentamicin and alteplase?

A7 23 incidents reported on Datix between 22.02.2018 and 22.02.2021 reported as incorrect dose related to alteplase, gentamicin or vancomycin

Q8 How many incidents have you recorded in the last 3 years where an incorrect weight of the patient is mentioned in the report?

A8 13 incidents between 22.02.18 and 22.02.21

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

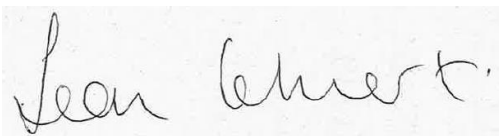
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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